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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (MCGOVERN, GEORGE)

SUBJECT: CODEL MCGOVERN

REF: LISBON 5353

1. SENATOR REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY EXPRESS HIS REGRETS AND  
DECLINE INVITATION TO SPEAK BEFORE AMERICAN CLUB OF  
LISBON AT SEPTEMBER 22 LUNCHEON. SENATOR SAID HE IS  
VISITING PORTUGAL PRIMARILY ON FACT-FINDING MISSION AND  
WISHES TO EMPHASIZE HIS DESIRE FOR "HEAVY" SCHEDULE OF  
CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADING PORTUGUESE POLITICAL FIGURES  
OF ALL PERSUASIONS (INCLUDING CUNHAL) AS WELL AS WITH  
"INSIGHTFUL" PORTUGUESE JOURNALISTS, ANALYSTS AND MEDIA.  
2. SENATOR'S AIDE (JOHN RITCH) TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER  
SENATOR FEELS AMERICAN CLUB LUNCHEON WOULD BE HEAVY  
DEMAND ON HIS LIMITED TIME WHERE EMPHASIS ON HIS VISIT  
WOULD BE CHANGED FROM THAT DESCRIBED ABOVE. RITCH SAID  
CODEL HAD BEEN INFORMED OF AMERICAN CLUB INVITATION WHILE  
STILL IN WASHINGTON, THOUGH SENATOR HAD MADE UP HIS MIND  
ONLY AFTER ARRIVING LONDON.

3. FYI: RITCH TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER SENATOR CONTINUES  
TO BE INSISTENT ON CUNHAL CONVERSATION IN SPITE OF  
EMBASSY LISBON'S VIEWS. RITCH REFERRED TO EXCHANGE OF  
TELEGRAMS WITH LISBON NOT AVAILABLE LONDON, IN WHICH  
EMBASSY'S OPINIONS WERE COUNTERED BY HIS. SENATOR CON-  
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TINUES TO FEEL CUNHAL INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE COMMUNIST  
EXPLOITATION NOT, REPEAT NOT, SUFFICIENTLY STRONG REASON

TO MISS OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSATION WITH CUNHAL AND IF  
EMBASSY NOT PERSUADED, SENATOR WILL USE OTHER CHANNELS  
(HIS WORDS) TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT. END FYI.

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